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Dear Parent/Carer,

Calling all Henry Chichele Community! We need your help to develop our outside provision.

After what seems a lifetime of builders on site, we are finally able to pick up our plans to make the grounds a fantastic place for the children to play and learn. The new and renewed playground markings are already proving to be popular and the two lunchtime sports specialists are keeping even the most reluctant sportsperson busy at lunchtime. However, we want to do more to make it the best experience we can offer. In order to do that we not only want to hear ideas from our pupils, parents, staff and governors but also from anyone who is able to help, in even the smallest of ways.

We were delighted to learn last week that through our new links with Moulton College, that our school is one of only two in the whole of Northamptonshire that has been voted to receive support with charity projects during this academic year. (Plans are already underway to reroof one of the outdoor shelters with the work experience students from the college carpentry department). In addition, the college want to take on a bigger project that also involves the school. After much discussion amongst staff we have come up with the following mission and invite you, your children and families to participate.

Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) – Make our pond area the best in the County!

This area is in desperate need of a major make-over so we invite lots of ideas from our Key Stage 2 children, parents and families on how it could be improved. Ideas can be submitted as drawings, sketches, magazine cuttings, pictures from the internet etc; already muted are brightly painted fences, willow sculptures, wood carving, welly planters, sensory planting, but we are sure you can come up with lots more! Submissions, in any format, should be given to the appropriate class teacher (no later than 10th October) who will pass them onto Year 5, who have been elected co-ordinators of this project as it links in nicely this term with their work on ecology and conservation. Their challenge will be to discuss, evaluate and then create a 'mood board' for presentation to the College by the end of term 1. (The Ecologist involved in the building programme recently completed her degree at Moulton and has already pledged her commitment to restore the pond to its former glory during October). Once the design has been agreed, Year 5 and staff will work with the college to implement this academic year.

Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2) – Let's create a Secret Garden!

The PTFA, Henry's Friends, have already committed to improving the outdoor provision so we are proposing that the lower school children, parents and families join forces to help with a project to improve the area adjacent to the reception outdoor area; a Secret Garden has the staff already buzzing and there has been lots of great ideas from them already! We know that you can come up with lots more!

We already have a wooden playhouse that needs reassembling and painting on the hardstanding left behind the bin store and some railway sleepers to create some raised planters. The Rotary Club has also offered us some trees. Are you a carpenter/handyman/grounds-worker or able to help supply top soil, plants, astro-turf etc? If so we would love to hear from you too.

Submissions (format as above) can either be dropped into the school office for the attention of Miss Hartop or Mrs Griffiths or emailed over ghartop@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk or bursar@henrychichele.northants-ecl.gov.uk by 10th October 2017 please.

With our fabulous new building let us all come together this year to make the most of this fantastic opportunity to make Henry Chichele the outstanding place to be.